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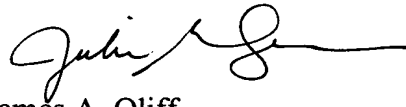
Claims 3, 4, 7, 9-11 and 16-22 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 16-22 are amended. Support for the amendments to claims 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 16-22 can be found in the specification as originally filed, for example, at page 6, line 23 to page 7, line 19 and page 12, lines 7-23, and in claims 1-22 as originally filed. Thus, no new matter is added by these amendments.

The Office Action rejects claims 3, 4, 7, 9-11 and 16-22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as the invention. While Applicants do not necessarily agree with these rejections, claims 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 16-22 have been amended herein to even more clearly set forth the subject matter of the pending claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 3, 4, 7, 9-11 and 16-22 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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